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Subject: Re: Urgent Commission: COVID-19 blood clots symptoms update on NHS website

Very grateful for update Mary.

Given the various arguments have been elaborated and considered in detail already I don't think I have anything further to add to the debate.

However very keen to stay directly abreast of SoS decision and planned comms.

Jenny

From: Mary Ramsay <Mary.Ramsay@phe.gov.uk>
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Subject: FW: Urgent Commission: COVID-19 blood clots symptoms update on NHS website

Dear Jenny

To be aware. I have requested clearance to change NHS website which is currently out of date for information on clots - sort of me against DHSC comms, CMO in between - sub going to SofS. Long story but it was never updated after last MHRA press release because we were waiting for updated advice - dragged on so long it was then too late. JCVI/CHM all wanted proper informed choice. Current content links to out of date MHRA story with **very bad** advice about presenting - implying you have to have four days of headache rather than headache starting more than four days after vaccine.

Mary

Contact your GP surgery if you have a headache for more than 4 days after your vaccination or get bruising somewhere other than where you had your vaccination.

Important

There have been reports in some countries of a small number of people having blood clots after the Oxford/AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine.

The MHRA says the current evidence does not suggest the clots were caused by the vaccine and you should still get vaccinated when invited.

[See the MHRA response to Danish, Norwegian and Icelandic authorities' action to temporarily suspend the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine on GOV.UK](#)

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FYI - this sub follows my request to update information on NHS website which is currently misleading and incorrect. All against me but I feel obliged to push. At least it's broken now - BBC can inform NHS.

Also getting lobbied about lack of GP comms (we drafted something on 16/3 but not allowed to go out).

SofS has responded to JCVI (will send separately).

Does Jenny have a PHE email yet? Should I copy her dhsc?

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